

## PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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## LOBBYISTS FOUND IN VIOLATION OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE ACT

**Olympia** – Chair of the Public Disclosure Commission, Mike Connelly, found two lobbyists in violation of provisions of the Open Government Act during brief enforcement hearings held in Olympia.

Connelly cited lobbyists Marc Anderson, formerly employed by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 125, and Toni McKinley, employed by the Washington State Grange, for failure to timely file monthly expense reports as required by state law. He levied a civil penalty of \$100 against McKinley. Anderson was not fined.

The Lobbyist Monthly Expense Report (PDC form L-2) is required to be filed by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month covering activity in the preceding calendar month.

"It is important that the public know who is paying to influence legislative action", Connelly said. "The monthly report is the only way for the public to access the information."

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